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1. FOLLOWING OFFERED FOR USE BY VOA BULGARIAN SERVICE: SOFIA PRESS AGENCY HAS CONCLUDED AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF IOWA FOR CO-PUBLICATION OF ANTHOLOGY OF BULGARIAN POETRY IN IOWA TRANSLATIONS SERIES. ANTHOLOGY, WHOSE PUBLICATION WILL FOLLOW THOSE OF MODERN CHINESE AND CONTEMPORARY KOREAN POETRY IN IOWA SERIES, WILL FEATURE WORKS BY SOME THIRTY POETS. IT WILL BE PRESENTED IN BILINGUAL EDITION, THUS WILL BE USEFUL TO LANGUAGE STUDENTS, AS WELL AS PROVIDE INTRODUCTION TO FORM OF LITERATURE LITTLE KNOWN IN UNITED STATES. IOWA TRANSLATION SERIES IS OUTGROWTH OF INTERNATIONAL WRITING PROGRAM, DIRECTED FOR MANY YEARS BY PAUL ENGLE, AT UNIVERSITY OF IOWA. PROGRAM BRINGS TOGETHER WRITERS FROM THROUGHOUT WORLD FOR INTELLECTUAL INTERCHANGE. (FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM CU/EE OR ENGLE.) ENGLE HAS WRITTEN: "SERIES BRINGS TOGETHER PEOPLE OF CREATIVE TALENT WITH THOSE EXPERT IN A LANGUAGE. WE BELIEVE THAT IN HAZARDOUS 20TH CENTURY MEN OF GOOD MIND AND GOODWILL MUST TALK TO EACH OTHER OR DIE. WE BELIEVE POETRY IS HIGHEST FORM OF TALK, AND THAT TRANSLATING IT IS THEREFORE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE, AS WELL AS ONE OF TOUGHEST JOBS KNOWN TO MAN." FINAL DETAILS OF AGREEMENT WITH SOFIA PRESS WERE WORKED OUT DURING RECENT VISIT TO SOFIA BY ROY MACGREGOR-HASTIE. BRITISH AUTHOR-TRANSLATOR AND FORMER PARTICIPANT IN IOWA PROGRAM.

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